

Foursome Designs, Constructs Chancel Furniture For Church

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It's not every day that a church receives a generous donation, especially the kind bestowed recently upon the congregation of Calabash Presbyterian Church.

Calabash residents Roy Keirn, Jay Morgan, A. Henry Gehander and part-time Calabash resident Glenn Pracejus recently completed a set of oak chancel furniture which they designed and constructed for the congregation's new building on Old Georgetown Road between Sunset Beach and Calabash.

The gift to the church of a pulpit, lectern, communion table, cross and vanity blinds for the choir was made possible through a memorial fund set up by a New Jersey woman who resides part-time in Sunset Beach.

Mary P. Jones of Westfield, N.J., gave the church what the Rev. Dr. Francis M. Womack Jr., pastor of Calabash Presbyterian, calls "a substantial amount that will cover this and other purchases for the new building."

She gave the money in memory of her husband, Charles Jones, and directed that it be used to purchase the materials necessary to construct the oak furniture that will be

used in the altar area of the sanctuary.

Womack, who has been pastor of the church since November 1990, said that a donation such as this really helped the building committee plan a facility he believes everybody will enjoy.

The pastor said he doesn't know how to estimate a dollar figure for the value of the furnishing, especially since the labor was donated as well.

"What these men have done would have cost tremendously. We're very fortunate to have had their help. I don't think I could put a price tag on their work," he said.

Womack and Keirn estimate that the materials to build the chancel pieces would cost about \$1,000, but they weren't certain.

Gehander, a retired painting contractor from Scotch Pines, N.J., said he and other members of the building committee thought that having the furniture made by hand would be less expensive and of better quality than buying it from a factory.

"I knew there were a few men in this congregation who were good at carpentry, so I got in touch with Roy," said Gehander.

Keirn, a retired cabinetmaker, accepted



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TESTING THE STURDINESS of Calabash Presbyterian's new pulpit, Henry Gehander (far right) gives the oak stand a good pounding as (from left) Roy Keirn, Jay Morgan and the Rev. Dr. Francis Womack look on.



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CRAFTING A LECTERN are (clockwise from top left) Glenn Pracejus, Roy Keirn and Jay Morgan. The chancel furniture was constructed in Keirn's garage.

the job of designing and constructing the pieces. He asked Morgan, a retired towboat captain who works with wood as a hobby, to assist him in the project.

Gehander noted the strange coincidence of Mrs. Jones living in Westfield, which is close to his hometown of Scotch Plains.

"There are four families from Scotch Plains who live or vacation in this area, and Mrs. Jones learned of our building project through one of those families. But I never knew her," he said.

The men began planning their woodworking project last summer. Actual construction started "around the end of August," said Keirn.

"We've been working on it off and on for a couple of months," he said.

Keirn, who the other men agree was the

"prime mover" in the project, worked on the pieces at his house with Morgan.

The wood was then finished with stain and varnish by Gehander and Pracejus at Gehander's home in Carolina Shores, where it will stay until it is transported to the sanctuary.

The eight-foot oak cross already hangs over the altar area in the sanctuary of the church.

Pointing out special touches in the chancel furniture, Womack said he is pleased with the results of their efforts.

Keirn and Morgan constructed the pulpit and lectern with adjustable stands, gave all the pieces rounded edges, and used a light oak of the same shade and grain as the doors and molding in the church.

"It's going to look very nice," Womack said.

Gehander explained that he was using several coats of varnish, not just one, in order to protect the wood and provide a smoother surface for people who brush against it.

The four men have completed their task in time for the upcoming unveiling of the church's first permanent home.

The congregation has been holding services in the Calabash V.F.W. Building in Trader's Village since July 1988.

Construction on the new facility began in June of this year and will be completed in time for the congregation to dedicate the building during its first service on Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 24, at 9:30 a.m.

Womack said that the building and its new chancel furniture will also be available for viewing at an open house scheduled Dec. 1 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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